

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is one reason I fear for the future of democracy in our country if George Bush is reelected, and it is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get trash such as the anti-Kerry documentary. This program is suitable for showing in theaters such as Fahrenheit 9/11 was, instead of being aired on television as if it were fact. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.